

Climate Emergency

Regular Update

August update

Learn about the progress of our **Climate Emergency Response:**

Council's Short and Long Term Corporate Plans and the Community Response

Surf Coast Youth 4 Climate

The Surf Coast Youth 4 Climate group is a collaboration between youth and sustainability teams at Surf Coast Shire Council, and is an action in our Climate Emergency Short Term Plan. Twelve members between the ages of 12-22 participated in online workshops on topics such as leadership, public speaking, media and event management. Group member Katie Rau said 'I love that we have the opportunity to share our concerns on environmental issues and adults who will support us to develop community initiatives.' In the coming months



the group have plans to hold an online sustainability and climate action event, and release a short video on environmental action during COVID-19.



Uptake Of Council Solar

Council recently completed the installation of new solar systems at four Council facilities. The new systems have a combined generation capacity of 135kW and are located at the Anglesea Landfill, the Civic Office, and the Torquay and Winchelsea works depots.

It is estimated that this work will save more than \$22,000 per year on Council's energy bills, and bring the solar generation capacity on all Council facilities to more than 360kW. These installations were set out in our Short-Term Climate Emergency Corporate Action Plan and advance our corporate target of procuring 100 per cent of Council's electricity from renewable sources and achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions from Council's operations.

And In Other News...

Community Climate Emergency Response Endorsed

At the July Council Meeting Council's role in, and approach to community Climate Emergency action was endorsed. Keep an eye out for online community workshops and discussions in the coming months.

Environment And Sustainability Events Go Virtual

Head to environmentsurfcoast.com.au/whats-on/ to check out some exciting virtual events planned for the next few months. These include ANGAIR Nature Show 2020, A Cleaner Coast's neighbourhood clean-up and Geelong Sustainability's Sustainable House Day.